

**RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 11, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:40 pm by Bill Jacques, Chairman of the Recreation Commission who determined the meeting had been called in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 20:4-6 et seq. Notice of this meeting was given by annual notice to the official newspapers, and posted at Borough Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

L. Monetti (P); B. Jacques (P); D. Beck-Clemens (P). C. Zaikov (P); D. Mobus (P); A.Baldassarre (A); C. Murphy (P); J. Pennett (A); S. Mersereau (A)

CONSENT AGENDA: C. Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14th, 2014 meeting, C. Zaikov second the motion.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Attached

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

National Center for Safety Initiatives – Background Checks	\$25.00
Recreation Basketball;	
O2 Sports – T-Shirts w/ Logo & Numbers - 117	\$1170.00
Referee Payment Reimbursements	
Ted Hsueh -	\$599.00
Craig Zaikov -	\$599.00
Ed Zatorski -	\$599.00
Gregg Policano -	\$599.00
Bradford Bury -	\$599.00
HS Intramural BB;	
Referee Payments; (Amendments for January Entries)	
Joe Gyenes - 16 games @ \$45. Ea.	\$720.00
Tom Watts - 16 games @ \$45. Ea.	\$720.00
Score Keeper;	
Jessica Mobus – 2 games @ \$20. Ea.	\$40.00
Russell Jacques – 14 games @ \$20. Ea.	\$280.00

PUBLIC PORTION:

Jeffrey Isaac attended the meeting to propose his Eagle Scout project idea to the Commission. He was accompanied by Sue Tucker to help answer any questions the Commission might have about his proposed project. J. Isaac mentioned that he would like to refurbish the Mobus Pavilion adding shelving to the closets, painting and organizing. S. Tucker explained that the project needed to be complete before his 18th birthday and that he would like to start as soon as the project was accepted by the Boy Scout Council. S. Tucker added that a fifteen page business plan would need to be submitted for approval and that he would have a proposal ready to submit to the Recreation Commission by the next meeting in order to expedite the start of his project. S. Tucker added that the project could not be funded by J. Isaac's or his family and asked the Commission if funds were available through the Borough for such a project. D. Mobus mentioned that the Commission had discussed using tennis court donations to purchase a ball machine and that the plan was to store the machine in the pavilion. He added that the shelving could be used to store additional tennis equipment and therefore the donation funds could be used for them as well. D. Mobus also mentioned that maybe as part of the Eagle project J. Isaac's could put together the court benches that were purchased with the county grant funds received in 2011. S. Tucker thought the bench assembly would be a great addition to the project and agreed to have J. Isaac's add it to his business plan. B. Jacques offered to check into the shelving prices and dimensions. D. Mobus agreed to get dimensions of a tennis ball machine in order to be accommodated into the shelving unit. D. Beck-Clemens mentioned using the larger restroom for storage and repairing the restroom on the left as it is smaller and using that room for public use. S. Tucker added that J. Isaac's project would need to be complete by August 1st, 2014 and hope he could get started in the very near future. All were in favor of J. Isaac's proposed project as they all agree that the Pavilion is in need of refurbishing and welcomed his contribution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. D. Beck-Clemens reported that Mike Onuska will be appointed as an alternate commission member at the Feb. 19th Mayor and Council meeting.
2. D. Mobus discussed the Ski Trip details reporting that the trip went well, the conditions were very good and that it was good to have the extra room on the bus to store personal items. As there was a snow storm that had started around 3:00 pm the bus had trouble navigating to the pickup zone. The bus then had a late start and had to travel on snow covered roads to get back to Watchung resulting in a late return time of 8:30 pm but did make it back safely. The coordination with Green Brook went well as they paid the additional cost of \$375.00 at the mountain as well as supplying additional refreshments for the bus ride.
3. D. Beck-Clemens mentioned that the Borough and the BOE met to discuss the Phillip's Field agreement. They discussed splitting the cost of upcoming expenses and changing the agreement to include the use of profit organizations on the fields. The agreement has not yet been finalized.
4. The Commission decided to include a rain date for the Community Picnic by changing the date to May 17th and using the 18th as a rain date. All were in favor.
5. B. Jacques made a motion to donate \$300.00 to the WHRHS 2014 Project Graduation. D. Mobus second the motion, all were in favor of the donation as this is the high schools attempt to keep all graduated seniors safe the evening of their graduation.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission decided to postpone the next meeting until Tuesday, March 11th in order to give J. Isaac time to submit his business plan to the Boy Scout Council. All were in favor of the date change as High School basketball is still in session and games are held on Wednesday's and run by Commission members.

The Commission discussed ideas for the Community Picnic. L. Monetti stated that letters will be sent out in March to businesses in town asking for monetary donations or for their involvement at the event. It was discussed making changes to the event this year and hoping to get more businesses donations and involvement then in past years.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE: (No Reports)

Recreation Basketball	Special Projects	Tennis
Summer Playground	Little League	Women's
Softball	Ponytail	Twirling
Boys Traveling Basketball	Girls Traveling Basketball	Soccer
Somerset County Activities	Adult Basketball	Wrestling
Field Hockey	In Line Skating	Volleyball
Ice Hockey	Jr. Football	

ADJOURNMENT

B. Jacques made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, C. Zaikov second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 5th, 2014 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By;

Linda Monetti
Recreation Coordinator/
Recording Secretary